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Agenda Item: NSL Secondary Principal's update

Submitted by: Christina Guevara

Purpose:

☒ FYI

☐ Get your perspective

☐ For Board action

☐ For recommendation

☐ For vote

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- Graduation is June 1st at 5:00 pm at the Grand Theater in Salt Lake. The theme is Oh the Places You'll Go. We have a graduation committee working to take care all details. Please keep your eyes open for your invitation.
 - ACT testing went well and the students' results will be in over the next few weeks.
 - We had a Transition Team Meeting last Tuesday to discuss the next steps as we continue to improve Spectrum's transition program. We will be working on updating the Guide to Transition, organizing a service provider fair for the fall, and further training for our staff.
 - We have begun to work with all staff members in making decisions about the Secondary School. The first Staff Focus Group was held before spring break to help us decide how to identify Lead Teachers and Paras for the upcoming school year.
 - Every Thursday we are holding Rap(port) Group with students during lunch. We invite a variety of students to play games with us during lunch so that they see us in a positive manner. It has been a blast.
 - Autism Awareness Month Activities are underway. We set up Autism Hero t-shirt making stations to allow staff to make some great hand-painted shirts. Last Friday we took our school photo and our wonderful yearbook advisers arranged us in a puzzle piece. There is a growing collage in our main hallway for every student to show their individual spirit as we celebrate Autism Awareness.
 - Our Welcome Back from Spring Break Stomp was held last Friday and the entire building had a great time dancing or socializing in one of our chill-out rooms.

Looking forward in April:

- SAGE testing will begin on April 11th and continue through May.
- Tuesday April 11th, we will have the ABC4 Utah Midday Weather Forecast hosted in our library . . . more to come!
- April 19th, we will have a parent meeting for high school students who might be participating in NeuroVersity, a Career Exploration project by the University of Utah. Students can sign up for a one week workshop in the summer and learn how to use SketchUp right alongside professionals in a training program designed for students on the spectrum.



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Grandparents Day was a huge success. We are all looking forward to doing this again next year. The families absolutely loved it.

Sage testing is going well. PG has completed writing. YAY! NSL campuses will be completing the writing portion over the next 3 weeks.

We still continue to have regular pancake parties and Principals Club pizza parties. We have been hanging pictures of all of our fun events in the front hallway. Parents and students really enjoy seeing the pictures of themselves and their friends.

I have formally met with each staff member to determine their wishes for next year to see how I can help them. I have several para's entering ARL programs or furthering their education, and everyone seems excited to learn and grow with Spectrum. I know who is returning and who is not. Ready to begin staffing interviews for next year.

I have fun activities scheduled for Autism Awareness month: I read a story about autism and gave each student an Autism Awareness bracelet today, we have "wear all blue day" this Friday. We have "I'm Blue" dance party with balloons next week. We have an autism walk around the swamp with blue pinwheels, after the walk, the students will place the pinwheels in the fence along the playground. We will have a blue scavenger hunt (still working on this).

Wells Fargo employees will be donating some time at our school in celebration of Autism Awareness Month.

Kindergarten program is scheduled. Maturation is tomorrow for 5th grade. Fifth grade progression to 6th grade planning is underway. Field trip to the zoo is Thursday. The End of year award program is scheduled and being planned. Field Day planning is happening.

Whoo! Is that all? We are having so much fun!

Recommendation:



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Agenda Item: PG Principal's update

Submitted by: Liz Banner

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1. Expansion
 - a. We have walls!!
 2. Dr. Seuss Week Activities
 - a. We had so many fun activities this week but my favorite was that our high school students went and read Dr. Seuss books during their social skills classes to every classroom in the elementary school! It was so much fun to watch our older students be so kind to our younger students. It was fabulous social skills training!
 3. Wax museum
 - a. Our 4th graders completed their 2nd annual wax museum. The students choose an important person in history to study about. They learn about this person, write reports, make a diorama, and then dress up as the character. We have them set up in the gym and families and students come down to learn from them! It is a great event.
 4. Autism Awareness Activities for the month
 - a. Sent you that email about them☺
 5. Community events
 - a. A2A site visits continue
 - i. Thank you to Jana for attending!
 - ii. Feedback Friday – data, competition, and amazing judges!
 - b. UVU Autism Center Groundbreaking
 - i. They will be sending us interns
 - c. ARUCC
 - i. Balloon launch this Saturday
 1. We will be doing sensory bottles
 6. Kristen Wilson announced as second assistant principal for PG



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Expansion progress



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